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MILK PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the actual milk production in the country is less than its demand;

(b) if so, the details of production, consumption and shortage in its supply so far, State-wise;

(c) whether there is shortage of milk in Metro Cities;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether milk power is being sold to the consumers of the metro Cities;

(f) if so, the quantity of milk powder used for the purpose so far;

(g) whether any test has been conducted to test the quality of milk and its illegal business (adulterated milk/artificial milk); and

(h) if so, the details of action taken in this regard during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) and (b) The milk production in the country has increased from 17 million tons in 1950-51 to 88.1 million tons in 2003-04. The estimated milk production in the country and state-wise details for 2003-04 are given in the enclosed Statement. The per capita availability of milk in the country has increased from 124 gm/day (1950-51) to 231 gm/day (2003-04). Government of India has not received any report on the shortage of milk from any state during the year 2004-05.

(c) No report has been received in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) Milk powder in various forms like skim milk powder, whole milk powder, dairy whitener etc. is regularly sold and purchased by consumers in the country for different end uses. No data on sale of mifk powder in the metro cities is available.

(g) and (h) Adulteration in any food item including milk is checked under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act, which is administered by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The Food (Health) Authorities of the States/U.Ts are responsible for implementation of the PFA Act, 1954 & Rules framed thereunder in their respective States/U.Ts., who collect samples of milk under the PFA Act, 1954. As per the information provided by the States/U.Ts. so far, the number of samples of milk examined and found adulterated during the last three years are as under:

Year	No. of Milk samples examined	No. of samples of milk found adulterated/misbranded
2000	5331	1597
2001	6372	2111
2002	6199	2066